



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent 20/21 March 2021

In communion...

Reconciliation (officially called the Sacrament of Penance, and also known as Confession) is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God

The Sacrament of Penance must be seen within the context of conversion from sin and a turn to God. St. Peter wept bitterly over his triple denial of Christ but received the grace of conversion and expressed it with a three-fold confession of love for Jesus (cf. Lk 22:54-62; Jn 21:15-19). Paul was converted from persecuting Christians to becoming one of the greatest disciples of Christ who ever lived (cf. Acts 9:1-31). These moments of conversion were only the beginning of their lifelong commitment to living in fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sin harms our relationship with God and damages our communion with others too, sin should never be understood as a private or personal matter. The Sacrament of Penance repairs this break and has a renewing effect.

The Church also recommends that a person go regularly to confession, even if only for venial sins. This is because "the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our consciences, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit" (CCC, no. 1458).

The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. As it is seen in the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

When did Jesus institute this sacrament?

The risen Lord instituted this sacrament on the evening of Easter when he showed himself to his apostles and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:22-23*). And also we read in Matthew 16:19, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you BIND on earth will be BOUND in heaven, and whatever you LOOSE on earth will be LOOSED in heaven."

What are the essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

The essential elements are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction.

What are the most important acts of the penitent?

They are: a careful *examination of conscience*; *contrition* (or repentance).

Who is the minister of this sacrament?

Christ has entrusted the ministry of Reconciliation to his apostles, to the bishops who are their successors and to the priests who are the collaborators of the bishops, all of whom become thereby instruments of the mercy and justice of God. They exercise their power of forgiving sins *in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*.

The season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the sacrament of penance. The special dates for the sacrament of Penance in our church are:

1st Rite of Reconciliation: Monday 29 March 9.30am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 30 March 6.00pm

Sacrament of reconciliation for children

58 children will be celebrating their first Reconciliation in the coming days. I have noticed that many of our children have not enrolled for their sacrament of reconciliation. I suggest the parents help the children to do their sacrament of reconciliation, otherwise they may miss this sacrament.

I hope parents may take it seriously and contact the parish office. We remember all our children who are preparing for the sacrament of penance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for children

Our parish children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be celebrating their first Reconciliation on Monday 22 March at 5pm and on Tuesday 23 March at 5pm.

No Holy Mass on Wednesday 24 March

There will be no 9.00am Holy Mass next Wednesday 24 March, due to the Clergy Convocation in the Archdiocese.

The annual Clergy Convocation for our Archdiocese will be on this coming Wednesday and Thursday. It is a time when the Archbishop calls together all the priests active in ministry throughout the Archdiocese for formation, fellowship, and updating. It incorporates a celebration for all Jubilarians (priests celebrating significant ordination anniversaries) and the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral on the Thursday night.

Memorial Service for John Dobson

A Memorial Service for John Dobson will be held on Saturday 27 March at 10.00am. John Dobson helped the parish in different ways. He was also an active member of the St Vincent de Paul Society. You are most welcome to join in the memorial service.

Finance Council Meeting

There was a Finance Council meeting, held on Tuesday, 16 March. During the meeting the school budget was approved, School principle Miss Ann-Marie summarized the school matters. The council also reviewed the finance of the parish and evaluated the financial sustainability of the parish.

Card for electronic transfers

The cards for online donors are kept at the entrance of the church.



My offering is given by electronic funds transfer to support the Parish of St Agatha

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).

Planned Giving Envelope Users

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. These envelopes start on 4 April. Please collect your packet today. If you are giving to the Parish by other means (direct debit, credit card or Parish Giving App) and no longer wish to receive these envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Mass every Friday

Fr Biju will be celebrating Holy Mass every Friday at St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan St. Fortitude Valley for the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care.

Easter Raffle

Tickets are on sale for our Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each of 3 for \$5.00. Try your luck to win one of our great prizes.

Anointing Mass

There will be an anointing Mass next Friday 26 March at 9.00am.

Booking for Easter Mass essential.

Although restrictions have eased and the national roll out of vaccinations begun, the larger crowds expected at Easter time still requires parishes to be vigilant and follow COVID safe practices.

For churches in the Archdiocese of Brisbane this means everyone must pre-register and book to attend Masses.

For our parish, please visit and book for yourself or the family online at:

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

Palm Sunday : Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am
and 5.30pm

Holy Thursday 1 April:

The Lord's Supper: 6.30pm
(Reconciliation after The Holy Mass.)

Good Friday 2 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Passion of the Lord

EASTER

Saturday 3 April: 6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 4 April: 7.00am and 9.00am Mass

Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

This year we will not have the blessing of fire outside the church and the procession due to the Covid 19 restrictions.

Baptismal Joy!!

This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Arabella Munnich, daughter of Dan and Siobhan Munnich; Fergus Troy, son of Carrick and Susan Troy; and Lucy Madden, daughter of Sam Madden and Kate Hogden. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

May the spirit of God always live in their life.



In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Maria Viena, Jean Williamson, Trevor Copas

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Gene Bartels, Lou Bartels, William White, Fr John McBride, Mary McBride, Sr Marcella Claffey, Fraser Ross

And those who are unwell:

Trevor Simpson, Garry Dennien, Joseph Meese, John Hohl, 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.

Clayfield Catholic Parish

Our faith sustains us through challenging times. Now, your support is needed to help our parishes to continue their valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability.

You can make a donation via our Parish Giving online payment system or download and use the Parish Giving mobile applications. You will need to create an account the first time you log in. After you are logged in, you will need to select the Clayfield Parish from the group and fill out the prompts. Please click on one of the buttons or QR Code below to make an online payment to the Parish. You will need to create an account the first time you log in. For your convenience, the App is also available in both the Apple App Store and Android Google Play. Please click on one of the buttons below or use the QR Code.



Please scan with your mobile this QR Code

To assist you to support our Parish you can now give via

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

Remember to select Clayfield Catholic Parish as your favourite parish when giving with this app.

We thank you for your kind support.

You can continue using planned giving envelopes, Direct Debit or credit card, or if you wish to make a direct payment into our bank account, then please refer to the details below.

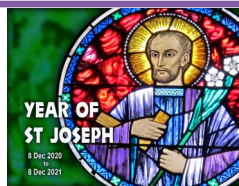
Donate directly into the parish account, stating your name as a reference.

Account Name:

Clayfield Catholic Parish BSB: 064:786 A/C No. 100006157

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



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. Amen.

BECOMING CATHOLIC AS AN ADULT

Each year our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program commences. If you are over 18 and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith this year, contact the Parish Office.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS IN 2021

Reconciliation (Year 5 and above) will be celebrated on 22/23 March.

Holy Communion (Year 4 and above) will be celebrated on Saturday 29 May 5pm, Sunday 30 May 9am and 5.30pm. Saturday 5 June 5pm, Sunday 6 June 9am and 5.30pm.

Confirmation (Year 3 and above) will be celebrated on Friday 10 September.

Outside School Hours Care

Did You Know that

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Are coming soon keep an eye out for the Vacation care program coming your way.

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 clayfieldshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

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

Readers

| DATE | 5.00pm | 7.00am | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 20/21 Mar | Jack Williamson | Paul Marshal | Erin Bledsoe | Max Van Balen |
| | Edward Foley | Jeanine Bygott | Hannah Dalisay | Jo Hayes |
| 27/28 Mar | Ann Goves | Kirsty Stevens | Phill Ryan | Amelia Marino-Cebulski |
| | Jenny Close | Chris Maher | Luke Sutton | Joel Perkins |
| 10/11 Apr | Alison Hall | Andrew Douglas | Joseph Tan | Max Van Balen |
| | Tomos Walters | Karen Birtles | Chanelle Simpson | Tony Charlesworth |
| 17/18 Apr | Jenny Close | Sr Cecily Foster | Jane Arkinstall | Giselle Hossinger |
| | Edward Foley | | Hannah Dalisay | Jo Hayes |

Leaders/ Marshals

| DATE | 5.00pm | 7.00am | 9.00am | 5.30pm |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| 20/21 Mar | K. McEwan |/ K. Court | D. MacGinley | J. Perkins |
| 27/28 Mar | K. McEwan | L. Crowe/ K. Court | D. MacGinley | J. Perkins |

If you have any queries regarding volunteering in the church please contact the office. The Parish secretary prepares the rosters for all the ministries.

Have a cuppa with the Parish Priest

Let us have a cuppa together at your home or in the coffee shop or at the presbytery.

Fr Biju

Reconciliation for Easter

1st Rite of Reconciliation: Monday 29 March 9.30am
2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 30 March 6.00pm
 (please note change of date)

WEEKEND MASSES

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

You no longer need to book for any weekday or weekend Masses.
 Simply write your contact details (name and phone number) in the folder provided (marshals will be there to assist you).

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

Palm Sunday 28 March 2021

Isaiah 50:4-7; Phillipians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

THANK YOU...

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

The offerings from weekend 13/14 March 2021:

1st Collection \$536.50 2nd Collection \$213.50

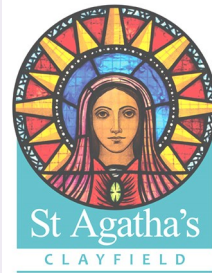
If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows: **PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS**

Account name: St Agatha's Parish Clayfield

BSB number: 064 786 Account number: 100006157

Have you entered your details in the parish Register...?

If you are not registered your name in the parish registry, you 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.



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open and
welcoming
Church*

Parish Administration

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Community and Mission Council Chair: Manus Maher

Aggies Youth: Ewan McPherson

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 Georgia Allan (0456 441 717)

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