



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) 10/11 April 2021

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

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Thank you...

Many thanks to everyone who assisted in any way to make our Easter services possible and so special.

Aggies Youth Mass, snacks and chats

Please join us for snacks and chats after the 5.30pm Mass next Sunday 18th April. Dates for May are Sunday 2nd May and Sunday 16th May. All are welcome. Your help and cooperation is mostly needed.

Covid 19 safe plan

Please keep in mind that the outbreak is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland.

- ♦ From 12pm on Thursday 1 April 2021 to Thursday 15 April, all Queenslanders must carry a mask when they leave their homes. Masks are to be worn in indoor spaces and worn outdoors when social distancing is not possible.
- Presiders should wear masks upon entering and exiting the Church and during Communion. Masks may be removed when the presider is distanced at least 1.5 metres from others.
- Please stay socially distanced while processing to receive the Eucharist.

It remains very important that marshals continue to record contact information so that parishes can provide details if contact tracing is ever required.

Masks are to be worn in most indoor spaces which includes parish offices and workspaces when you are within 1.5m of another person. This includes wearing a mask when:

- sharing a lift with other people
- utilising shared spaces for example kitchens, if you are within 1.5m of other people
- in meeting rooms if individuals aren't spaced 1.5m apart
- at your desk if other people are within 1.5m of you.

Queensland Health reminds us of the ongoing seriousness of this situation. They are asking all Queenslanders to continue to stay up to date with contact tracing alerts and follow government advice if you have been at an identified venue. People are also reminded that if you have any symptoms you should self-isolate and get tested immediately.

You can access the latest information and advice about COVID-19 online from the [Queensland Government](#) and [Australian Government](#).

Eucharist / Holy Communion

In the celebration of Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

In the early church, the hallmark of being a Christian was to gather with other believers on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Breaking of the Bread. It is the same today: we gather as a community on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The Mass is central to the life of the Catholic Church. The Mass has two parts of equal importance:

1. The Liturgy of the Word which consists of readings, the homily and the prayer of the faithful.
2. The Liturgy of the Eucharist in which we do as Christ commanded us at the last Supper.

At Mass we are nourished by the word of God and by the Body and Blood of Christ.

The purpose of the Mass is to give thanks and praise to God for the greatest gift of all, the gift of our salvation through the death of God's son on the cross.

When we celebrate Mass, we hear the story of our faith – the story of Jesus – so that we will not forget it. Our story is told in the readings from scripture, in the homily, in the words of the Creed and in the Eucharistic Prayer which always includes the words and actions of Christ at supper with his disciples on the night before his suffering and death. As we hear again of these past events, the Holy Spirit brings them into the present so that we become part of the story and participate in it.

When we listen to the Word of God we hear what it is that God demands of us today and how Jesus has shown us the way. We are called to commit ourselves to God's vision by living out what we have heard in our daily lives.

In the celebration of Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who share the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's table become the body of Christ that is sent out to bring the love of Christ to others.

The word communion comes from the Greek *koinonia* meaning fellowship or sharing. When we receive communion at Mass, we are brought into closer relationship with one another as well as with Christ. Receiving the Body of Christ at Mass calls us to live what we receive and believe, to show that Christ is present in our world through all that we do and say.

Your safety is always our first priority and we need to keep everyone COVID-safe

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Enid Moses, Maria Karlos

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

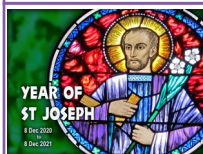
Judy Power, Sr Majella Foster

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.



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.

A Prayer in time of sickness

Jesus, You suffered and died for us.

You understand suffering. Teach me to understand my suffering as You do; to bear it in union with You; to offer it with You to atone for my sins and to bring your grace to souls in need.

Calm my fears; increase my trust.

May I gladly accept your holy will and become more like You in trial.

If it be your will, restore me to health so that I may work for your

honour and glory and the salvation of all. Amen

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 18 April.

Have you collected your Planned Giving Envelopes...?

They are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church.

Project Compassion "Be More"

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week, drop off to the Parish Office or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

The Catholic Leader \$4.00 each

The April edition of The Catholic Leader is now available in the church. This month's issue features:

- Easter messages from the Bishops of Queensland
- Five high-schoolers embrace new life by becoming Catholic in Lent
- Pope Francis makes historic visit to Iraq during Lent
- All the Sunday Readings in April
- Four-page puzzle spread
- Aussie priest a good friend of the homeless in Hong Kong
- Plus more

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

First 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday at 4.15pm to 4.45pm or any time by request.

Roster for April / May 2021

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
10/11 Apr	Ann Goves	Chris Maher	Joseph Tan	Max Van Balen
	Tomos Walters	Karen Birtles	Phill Ryan	Joel Perkins
17/18 Apr	Jenny Close	Sr Cecily Foster	Jane Arkinstall	Giselle Hossinger
	Edward Foley		Hannah Dalisay	Jo Hayes
24/25 Apr	Nik Kure	Jeanine Bygott	Eileen Duncan	Max Van Balen
	Annette Riba	Chris Maher	Joseph Tan	Joel Perkins
1/2 May	Jack Williamson	Karen Birtles		Amelia Marino-Cebulski
	Ann Goves		Joseph O'Brien	
8/9 May	Graham Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Children's Mass	Giselle Hossinger
	Julie-Ann Gibson	Kirsty Stevens		Jo Hayes
15/16 May	Alison Hall	Andrew Douglas	Wilma O'Connell	Max Van Balen
	Nik Kure	Chris Maher	Phill Ryan	Joel Perkins

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, 12 April: 9.00am
Tuesday, 13 April: 9.00am
Rosary: 9.30am
Wednesday 14 April: 9.00am
Friday, 16 April: 9.00am
Adoration: 9.30am

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

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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School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator: Roxanne Grogan

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021

Acts 3:13-15; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated. Ways to financially support your parish:

- ⇒ Direct debit
- ⇒ Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass
- ⇒ Planned giving envelopes
- ⇒ The Parish Giving App. Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.



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