



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 3/4 April 2021

An Easter Reflection

We found,
The women came to the tomb.
They came to mourn for their friend, and lord.
All they could do is come to the place of death, to the house of death.

But they were surprised.

The place of death had been broken into. The door of the house had been pushed aside.

They came to mourn, they thought he was gone forever. But they found something strange: a tomb but nobody in it, they thought, the body had been stolen, it had been taken away.

They were right, it had been stolen. But it was not stolen by death. Mary Magdalene and others saw the stone removed from the tomb but they did not really see what had happened. They did not see God's work. It was God who stole the body.

But something happened, his body was fully transformed into divine. Now Jesus does not have the human nature... now only he has the divine nature.

Last Friday we heard, Jesus' passion, putting the body of Jesus in the tomb. We went away astounded that an innocent man was executed so quickly. Today we gather to hear that the story is not over. We are listening to a story that says death is not the way our lives end.

Yes, Jesus died. Yes, we too will die. But that is not the end. We cannot roll the stone in front of the tomb and say it is over. Death is not an end... We can be, like Mary Magdalene, looking for death and mourning for it. But God is saying that death is only a moment of change, a true Passover. It is a time to take off the clothes of the body and put on new ones.

God is still working while we are lying in the tomb.

Now the world does not need an empty tomb or burial cloths to know Jesus is risen. The world has you and me to see, to look at. And when it looks at you and me, we have to give them Jesus. When we are bearing witness to that truth, then Easter is not a long time ago but still alive and coming alive in the world today.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

He is truly Risen, Alleluia.



Congratulations and Welcome to the Community of Faith to Luke Anderson,

Shaoli Xu, Phuong Le Tran, Josh Rogers, Grant Voigtlander and Larishna Ramasamy who will receive the sacrament of Initiation during Easter Vigil Mass. The parish community wish them the blessing of God and the support and love.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who contributed....

Anne-Marie Maw and Polly Pickford were the lucky winners of our Easter Raffle. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Raffle, it was a great community effort with a total of \$604.00 raised.

Covid 19 safe plan Updates

On Thursday 1 April 2021 I received the wonderful news from Bishop Ken, after consulting with Queensland government he informed us that [we can proceed with our Easter celebrations as we had planned](#).

He acknowledged that it is an extremely difficult thing for Christians not to be able to celebrate that which is at the heart of our faith, so this news brings great relief. The following are the details and of specific things we need to note and continue to observe.

The Greater Brisbane lockdown will end at 12pm on Thursday 1 April 2021. Please keep in mind that the outbreak is not over and some restrictions remain in place across all of Queensland.

- ◆ For the next two weeks, 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, during Communion and for Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday. Masks may be removed when the presider is distanced at least 1.5 metres from others.

Holy Week and Easter liturgies will continue with the following recommendations as we seek to be extra cautious during this time:

- For the Washing of the Feet, to proceed with this ritual, please ensure that masks are worn and a strict COVID-safe environment is in place.
- There will be no Easter Vigil procession due to the difficulty of maintaining social distancing.
- Please stay socially distanced while processing to receive the Eucharist.

Capacity limits for Places of Worship will return to the same levels before the lockdown (unless otherwise notified, this includes funerals and weddings) which includes:

- No more than one person per 2 square metres for areas open to or used by parishioners, whether indoors or outdoors;

OR

- Up to 100% of seated venue capacity, provided patrons are in ticketed and allocated seating. Parishes must allocate exactly how many seats are in each row and only issue the amount of tickets up to that seating capacity. If you are not using an online ticketing system then the marshal must collect contact details on paper and only allocate seating up to the number of seats in the worship space. Ticketed seating means a person is given a ticket with their seat number on it and will re-

main (as much as possible) in their allocated seat while at the place of worship.

It is still possible for parishioners who have not pre-booked to “walk-in” to attend Mass, as long as there are spare seats based on capacity and details are recorded at the time of entry.

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](#).

Bishop Ken concluded the letter with his blessing as, “ May this be a blessed time for each of us and fill God’s holy people with every joy and a stronger sense of Easter hope”.

Please sit only in your allocated seat.

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maintain social distancing.

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:

Maria Karlos, Brock Miller, William Guiney

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

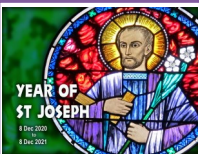
Sr Majella Foster, Silvio D'Astuto, Reg Shun Wah (Snr), Dave Schonrock, Maria Hele

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.

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

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.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 6 April, 8.30am.

Congratulations St. Agatha

St Agatha's students represented the school community brilliantly last Friday at the Zone 6 Swimming Carnival. St Agatha's came first overall in the carnival, winning the aggregate score, aggregate percentage score, all-age relay, junior boys division and senior girls division.

The students were outstanding in their conduct and excellent St Agatha's ambassadors.

Easter Week

Immediately after the Easter celebrations and the 9 am Holy Mass, Fr Biju will be joining with his religious community in Brisbane and will return on Friday. Therefore there will not be Holy Mass for the following four days:

Monday 5 April, Tuesday 6 April, Wednesday 7 April and Thursday 8 April.

Friday 9 April, Holy Mass at 9am. There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as Fr Biju is attending the deanery meeting.

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.

Roster for April / May 2021

DATE	5.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
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
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, 5 April: No Mass
Tuesday, 6 April: No Mass
Wednesday 7 April: No Mass
Friday, 9 April 9.00am
Saturday, 10 April 9.00am

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

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

Divine Mercy Sunday

11 April 2021

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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

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Community and Mission Council Chair: Manus Maher

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APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

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