



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Lent 27 March 2022

Hi everyone,

As the war in **Ukraine** escalates, the **Holy Father** is asking our communities to continue to pray for peace. Here's the link - <https://www.catholicnews.com/text-of-prayer-for-peace-in-ukraine-recited-by-pope>

Here's the video link of the Pope's prayer - <https://youtu.be/9Iiss13w3NI>

Also today the Pope has invited all clergy to pray this **Prayer of Consecration for Ukraine and Russia**. The text is in the following link.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-03/pope-francis-prayer-act-consecration-russia-ukaine-mary.html>. If you're up at 3:30am this Saturday morning, this is when Pope Francis and all clergy will be praying. Please join us in this act of solidarity whenever you can. Let's storm heaven with our prayers!!



Talking about prayer, a reminder that we will have speakers at each Mass in the two communities sharing their experience of **Perpetual Adoration** with you. We invite you all to take this opportunity to begin or continue to deepen your prayer and faith life!!

We have organised **Second Rite of Reconciliation** for the **Wednesday 6th April 7pm at St Agatha's Church**. Just a heads-up Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place whilst people are having individual confession. I encourage you all to go to the First Rite of Reconciliation sometime during Lent. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available on **Saturdays at 4:15-4:45pm at St Agatha's and 4pm at St Cecilia's, Hamilton** or by appointment with any of the priests. May the Lord free you from your burdens and anxieties again.

Please pray for the 35 children who will be receiving and praying their **First Reconciliations** on **Tuesday and Wednesday at 5pm**. Congratulations to their parents for guiding and forming their children to participate in this wonderful sacrament of healing and of God's love.

A big thank you to **Sr Cecily Foster** who is celebrating her final Mass this weekend at the Parish before she moves to live down in Wynnum. We thank her for the many years of ministry that she has provided for the Parish including Reader, Communion Minister, RCIA, Lenten Groups and much more. On behalf of the Parish we wish her God's blessings on the Bayside. Those who are at the 7am Mass may wish to celebrate with her.

That's all for another week.

Pax Christi Fr Nev and Deacon Peter

Children's Liturgy - Prep to Year 4

Children's Liturgy will be held at the 9am Mass on the following Sundays: **Sunday 27th March and Sunday 3rd April**. We invite children to come along to learn more about Jesus and the gospel through child-friendly, engaging activities.



Masks are no longer required but still recommended whenever you cannot socially distance.

This weekend 26/27 March

5pm Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy

7am Fr James O'Donoghue

9am Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy

5.30pm Fr James O'Donoghue



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 8.30am

Fourth Sunday of Lent 26/27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

St Vincent de Paul Conference

In this Sunday's Gospel the prodigal son repents, finding forgiveness and compassion in the heart of his father.

In the St Vincent de Paul Society, our mission is to help shape a more compassionate and just society. In the prayerful space of the Lenten season, perhaps consider if God is inviting you to be an instrument of compassion and love to those suffering hardship?

If you would like to talk to someone from the St Vincent de Paul Group in our parish about how you can help, contact James McKeon on 0412 045 193 or email membership.bris@svdpqld.org.au

Position Vacant – Children and Families Minister and Sacramental Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Clayfield Catholic Parish. Clayfield Parish is requiring a person who is able lead and manage ministry to children and families in the Parish. This is a casual position for approximately 15 hours per week.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/453371/children-and-families-minister-and-sacramental-coordinator-clayfield-parish>

Application close: 27 March 2022

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

The Cathedral Seminars

What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Throughout 2022, the Archdiocese's Adult Formation Team will be hosting four seminars to help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience. In this first seminar, Shane Dwyer (Associate Director, Adult Formation) will lead participants through the significance of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus for our lives today. Come and participate in this practical Catholic theology seminar and help yourself get the most out of Lent this year. March Seminar: Getting into Lent Details: Time: 7.00-8:30pm Date: Thursday 31st March 2022 Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$10pp RSVP: Tuesday 29 March Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/Gettingintolent>

The Cursillo Movement

Interested, Curious, Searching, to enrich and strengthen your faith in these times? The Cursillo Movement is holding a 3 day live-in encounter - with self, with Christ, with others - from 23-25 April at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Cursillo, - translated as a 'short course' - is a world -wide lay led movement of the Church to help each person live out the Good News on their Christian journey.

For more information you can call Rosemary on 0431 464 211 or Peter 0407 588 014.



PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy two new members of Christ's faithful people:

Leni Ball, daughter of Benjamin and Jade Ball; and Lydia Tynan, daughter of Max Tynan and Emma Whittle. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday 6 April, at 7pm. This is a spiritual time for prayer of thanksgiving and blessings.

St Agatha's Feast Day Celebrations

Saturday 7 May, 2022

Mass at 4.30pm

Followed by a Disco and BBQ

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Bookings will open soon.

Choir Practice for Easter

Choir practice for our Easter Triduum liturgies will begin on **Thursday 24th March**. New members are always welcome. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please contact Robyn Cuming on 0414 861 988.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. All those who minister within the Archdiocese must adhere to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which serves to protect all children and vulnerable adults. For comprehensive information:

<http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>

Prayers and blessings to Sr Cecily Foster PBVM

Our long time dedicated parishioner Sr Cecily Foster, who has over the last 18 years contributed to many ministries at our parish as Reader, Eucharistic Minister, RCIA, Lenten Groups (just to name a few) is saying farewell to our community.

We appreciate her service to our parish and community and thank her greatly for her generosity of spirit and wish her the very best in the next chapter of her life.

Let us wish her all the best and offer her many blessings at this Sunday's (27th) 7am Mass. Sr Cecily will be greatly missed.

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. Raffle will be drawn at the 9am Mass on Sunday 10 April.



Annual Chrism Mass

The Annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm. If you are interested in attending the Chrism Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Roster for March/April

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
26/27 March	Judy Bartels	Dianne Eden	Eileen Duncan	
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Paul Bartels	Karen Birtles	Joseph O'Brien	Max Van Balen
Eucharistic Minister 26/27 March	Annette Riba	Marie Deuble	Phill Ryan	
PowerPoint Clicker 26/27 March	John Rea	Paul Marshall	Bell family	Ewa Marino-Cebulski
Collectors 26/27 March	L Douglas/P Gimpel	Kevin Court	MacGinley family	Peter Moran
2/3 April	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	Joseph Tan	Julia Dixon
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Nik Kure	<i>Volunteer</i>	Luke Sutton	Amelia Marino-Cebulski

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Gerard Janssen, Katherine Weaver, Patricia "Tim" Lynn, Nonie Stewart, Ann Doyle, Denis Fernandes

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Reg Shun Wah (Snr), William Guiney

Planned Giving Envelope Users

Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. **These envelopes begin on Sunday 3 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.

As of Sunday 3 April please discard of any 2021 planned giving envelopes as a new number may have been allocated to you.

EASTER TRIDUUM CEREMONIES



Holy Thursday 14 April

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 15 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 16 April

6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 17 April

7.00am and 9.00am Mass
Please Note: NO 5.30pm Mass

NO BOOKINGS NECESSARY

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine recited by Pope Francis

For more information on the prayer for peace in Ukraine please go to the following link:

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Preparing for next Sunday's readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent 3 April 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9am

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy

Thursday 9am

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy

Friday 9am

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy

(Priests: subject to change)



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 or Planned Giving Envelopes or

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:

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Account number: 100006157



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