



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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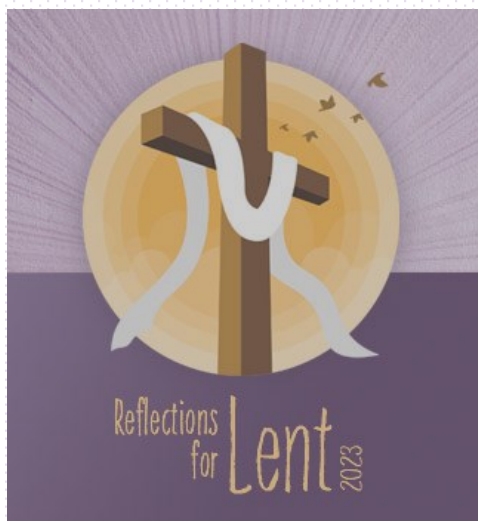
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm, Friday: 8.30am-12.00pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A) 2 April 2023

Palm Sunday recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him.

Isaiah has prepared us for our mission in spreading God's word to those he has selected to reflect it to others, arousing them to do the same. He encourages us to follow his example and do as he has done. "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."

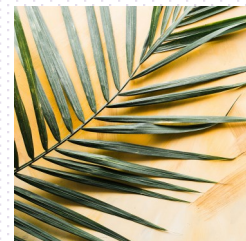
Paul, in speaking to the Philippians, continues Isaiah's message. He urges them to purge the enmity from their hearts and prepare their souls for God's gifts of peace and love. Accepting God's love in our hearts is all we will need on our journey. With all the preparation above, Matthew takes us to the Last Supper and the crucifixion of Jesus. "Tonight your faith in me will be shaken, as Scripture has it: 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed.'" And then all the pain and sorrow that we know so well follows.



Old Gold

by Sister Dorothy Anne Cahill, CSC

Gold now shines
With a gentle dream,
As years consume
The living dross.
This is the glory,
This is the gift
Of lifetime spent
Beneath the Cross.



- Sister Kathleen Weber, CSC

Reflection questions

* In Isaiah (Isaiah 50: 4–7), how is God preparing me physically to spread his word to others?

* In Philippians (Philippians 2:6–11), how does God use us to prepare others to accept his gifts of love, peace and gratitude?

Children's Liturgy will resume Sunday 7th May 8am Mass.

St Agatha's Church Easter 2023 Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday 6 April

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 6.30pm
Please note there will be **no** 9am Mass

Good Friday 7 April

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

Holy Saturday 8 April

Easter Vigil 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 9 April

Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am



Parish Office will reopen Tuesday 4th April at 8.30am. In case of any **urgent matters** or **funeral enquiries**, please contact the Hendra Parish Office on 3268 3040 or email:

hendra@bne.catholic.net.au.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties for our sake.

Mass Times

Saturday 5.00pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

Sunday 8.00am St Agatha's Clayfield

Sunday 9.30am Our Lady Help of Christians, Hendra

Sunday 5.30pm St Agatha's Clayfield

Reconciliation/Confession: by appointment

No change to the weekday Mass at St Agatha's
Thursday 9am

No change to the weekday Mass at
St John's, Northgate
Friday 9am

Fr James O'Donoghue has been asked to say the following Masses for the time being at:

St Cecilia's, Hamilton: Saturday 4.30pm

St John's, Northgate: Sunday 7.30am



Palm Sunday

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 on the pews, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. The envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Alpha at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone, anywhere, to freely explore their unique questions about life, faith and God. The next Alpha program will be run on Thursday evenings from 27 April from 6.30-8.30pm in the Mother of Mercy Parish Centre and cater to current parishioners as well as those who wish to know more about Christianity.

We are currently recruiting extra volunteer team members for roles during the sessions, and others who may be willing to help provide some of the food for the meal/s. Please contact the Alpha Team via the Hendra Parish Office or via nottlot@bigpond.net.au if you would like to know more.

Please continue to pray about whether you might be a helper or participant and who you might invite.





First Holy Communion - St Agatha's Parish

Sunday 23rd April 8:00am or 5:30pm or

Sunday 30th April 8:00am or 5:30pm

2023 Planned Giving Envelopes: Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection at the entrance of the Church. **These envelopes begin on Sunday 2 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 2 April please discard of any 2022 planned giving envelopes.**

Information Day for Prospective Guides & Welcomers

You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Thursday 20th April from 9:30am to 2:00pm in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre. It's the 150th Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen. Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral. Register your interest at Cathedral Office via phone 33243006 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Two-minute Homilies and Reflections

Weekly Homilies or reflections of around two minutes in length by clergy, religious and lay people from throughout the archdiocese. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/>

brisbanesummit.com

Summit²³

MAY 18-20, 2023

RIVERLIFE CENTRE
Seventeen Mile Rocks

Join us for the principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. More information can be found at www.brisbanesummit.com.

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/>

Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection 7th April 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7th April

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection.

Envelopes **will be available on Good Friday 7th April** and can be found on the pews and at the back of the Church.

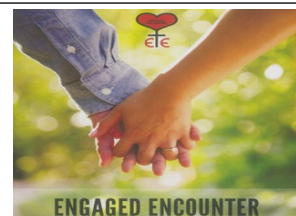
Engaged Encounter - Marriage Preparation Course coming in July 2023

Engaged Encounter will have a live out weekend July 15 & 16, 2023 for couples at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra.

Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples.

Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church.

For more information kindly go to www.engagedencounter.org.au or email cee.brisbane@gmail.com or call 0481 307 821.



Holy Spirit Seminary - Prayer Calendar

2023 Prayer Calendar for seminarians and priests are available at the entrance of the Church.

Please take a calendar and pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and Church leaders.

Votive Candles The votive candle stand is located in our Lady's Chapel. The small candles are located under the stand and are intended to be lit as an offering of prayer. **Parents PLEASE assist and supervise your children** as these candles are only to be used for this purpose. Please place your donation in the money box attached to the stand.

Roster for April 2023

	8am	5.30pm
2 April	Terry Manso	Liz O'Connor
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Annette Riba	Jo Hayes
Eucharistic Minister 2 April		
PowerPoint Clicker 2 April	Bell Family	Tom & Jess Luxford
16 April		Alison Hall
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	Tomos Walters	Max Van Balen

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Ros Willis, Robyn Clayton

Those we remember at this time:

Judy Power, William Guiney, Jim Commene, Reg Shun Wah (Snr)

Those who are unwell:

Simon Grisales, Merlene Lisha, Pam Hayes, Amanda Shea



Holy Week is just around the corner, marking the most important season of the Christian calendar when we remember Jesus' death on the cross and celebrate his resurrection. This is an incredibly special week, no matter how old you are.

The Children and Families Team at Evangelisation Brisbane have created a video resource with some ideas to engage the kids in our families, parishes and communities, so that they can make a new beginning with Jesus this Holy Week also.

You can access the video, and the other Holy Week and Easter resources here: <https://tinyurl.com/kidshwvideo>

We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera people, the traditional custodians of the Land on which St Agatha's is built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Saturday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Saturday, including holiday times, from 6am-5pm at OLHC Hendra for personal prayer. Entry to the Church is via the Bowman St side door. Please sign in and out. For enquiries, please contact Julie Anne on 0418 193 235 or Pat on 0411 597 781.

Mother of Mercy Parish Prayer Engine of the Parish

This prayer group prays for the intentions of the parish and the personal intentions of parishioners.

Prayer intentions can be placed in the special baskets at each of the churches and Parish Office (Hendra).

The Prayer Engine will meet at OLHC Church, Hendra every Tuesday, from 1:00-2:30pm. All are welcome to join in prayer!



National Conference
28-30 September 2023, Brisbane
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN:
<https://mysteryandmission.com.au>
For all enquiries contact
liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

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St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

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Phone: 3326 9222

School Principal: Ms Anne-Marie Maw

APRE: Mr Jake Knowles

Readings for 16 April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; 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 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:

BANK DETAILS

Account name: Clayfield Parish

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157



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